



City of Maupin Newsletter

By Mayor Lynn Ewing

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! We are all looking forward to a great year ahead.

IT'S HERE! THE ONLINE SURVEY: <https://bit.ly/maupinvision> The City of Maupin needs to update the **Community Vision**. We need your thoughts and ideas! The results of this survey will likely help steer our City for the next 10-15 years. Please take the survey to help us steer Maupin in a direction you would like to see. If you provide an email address, **you will even be entered into a prize drawing**. Paper versions of the survey are also available at City Hall.

A **Christmas Country Bazaar** took place Dec. 11th & 12th and Dec. 18th & 19th at the Legion Hall. There were about 15 vendors that took part in addition to a Bake Sale to benefit Women in Need. Great care was taken to follow state rules regarding retail space in this time of COVID and it was a successful event for all involved. One of the wonderful things to come out of the bazaar, was an individual that is going to open a business in Maupin! In the next few weeks, we will post information so keep a look out!

The **Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting** was held on Sunday, December 6th in Kaiser Park and on the Civic Center patio. Many thanks to Valerie and Geoff White and their crew from the Imperial for decorating the tree and to Nace Mitchell for constructing a surround for the base of the tree. The South Wasco Kids Choir provided Christmas carols and the Maupin Market provided hot cocoa and hot cider. Prior to lighting the tree, we also publicly thanked DeOra for her 34 years of service and gave her a box of thank you notes from the community. Sheriff Magill also sent a special **Community Service Award** and the City gave her a gift card for the Chinook Winds Casino and Resort. People in attendance were spread out in front of the Civic Center and in Kaiser Park and enjoyed having some normalcy return for a short time.

The **Deschutes River Athletic Complex** held a "Let's Build a Real Track" fundraising event live online from the Imperial Resort on Wednesday December 9th. The group and raised over \$250,000 with donations ranging from \$1 to over \$25,000. Auction Items brought in several thousand more dollars.

The **Wasco County Economic Development** team has made recommendations for the top 10 projects in the entire County. Both the Deschutes River Athletic Complex and the Donkey Trail made that list. While this does not provide funding, it does give us more clout when applying for grants. Grantors note that the projects are not only of local importance but also too the County and region as a whole.

MCEDD is offering special training for businesses in January:

For more information and to register contact jane@mcedd.org or www.mcedd.org/business-trainings

Sources of Capital: Stimulus and Beyond - 1/12/21 1:00-3:00pm, This session will cover the most recent stimulus package, financing strategies, traditional and alternative capital options and how to create competitive funding requests.

Lender's Roundtable - 1/19/21 1:00-3:00pm, In this session you will get to meet a variety of local lenders for the region who will discuss the current lending environment, opportunities for small businesses and COVID-19 impacts on lending.

As many of you know, there has been one or more **active car prowlers** in Maupin and elsewhere in South Wasco County. The thieves have taken anything not secured, including wallets, cash, keys, guns, etc. The investigation is ongoing and so are car prowls. If you discover you are missing property from a vehicle or elsewhere, please call the Wasco County Sheriff's **non-emergency line at 541-296-5454**. It will be helpful if you have your vehicle license plate and an inventory of anything taken. Serial numbers from property are also very helpful. Please lock your vehicles and do not leave valuables inside. Remain vigilant. Many people pass through our community and not all are honorable.

Burn Permits for barrels, incinerators, or open burning are available at City Hall. Stop by during regular business hours. Burning is allowed on days with little or no wind as long as we are **not under air stagnation conditions**. You can find out if we are under air stagnation by consulting the National Weather Service site at: <https://www.weather.gov/> All burning must be done during daylight hours and fire safety equipment such as shovels, rakes, and water hoses must be available. Fires may not be left unattended.

The **November Election** results are in. Mayor Lynn Ewing (Incumbent), Councilors Tom Troutman (Incumbent), Rob Miles, and Kathy Peck will all be sworn in at a special meeting January 4th. The event will take place via Zoom.

For over 40 years, the City has been working to gain ownership of the property above our **City Springs** water source in order to better **protect the drinking water** for our citizens. Thanks to Tom Troutman and some funding from the State of Oregon, we have finally made a trade to accomplish that. The deeds have officially been recorded. In addition, the area has been fenced to help keep large animals and people out of that sensitive area.

It seems like every month we have a new homeowner moving in or a new resident joining our community. Get to know your new neighbors! Invite them to join one of our community organizations. We welcome all to our little slice of heaven.

With snow in the forecast, it is great to remember a few things about **snow removal**. Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of the property or home owner. Once snow stops falling, it should be removed that day. The City will plow paved streets as they are able once snow has reached a depth of 5 inches. Plowing of gravel streets or alleys only occurs when we get a rare very deep snowfall. While this removal may create a berm next to your vehicle, it will still be less to shovel than it would be otherwise. We are all very lucky to have citizens like Ed Ingram, Wayne VanDolah, Roger Harwood, and others who use their own tractors, 4-wheelers, or other equipment to remove snow from sidewalks, roads and driveways. Please be careful not to block access for others or to block access to fire hydrants. If you happen to have a fire hydrant near your home, clearing snow from around it would be very helpful in the event that it is needed.

The **Civic Center is OPEN** during our regular hours. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED** in all public spaces and hand sanitizer is available. Please feel free to come in to check out a book or video or to use the high-speed Internet access. We want to be able to accommodate the community's needs during this time, particularly if there is a need for internet access. Community Groups may reserve the Community Room for meetings by calling City Hall at 541-395-2698. In the Library, anyone under the age of 12 needs to be accompanied by a responsible person over the age of 14.

Library hours:

Monday 12-4

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 11-5

Friday 11-4

Saturday 12-4

City Hall Hours:

Monday – Friday 9-Noon, 1-4

If you would like a digital copy of the city newsletter, please email any of us at City Hall. It will make it easier to use all of those links!

<p><u>Phone Numbers & Email Addresses</u></p> <p>Mayor Lynn Ewing Office: 541-395-2811 Cell: 541-993-5956 City Hall: 541-395-2698 maupinmayor@gmail.com Visit our City of Maupin Website @ www.cityofmaupin.org</p>	<p><u>Meeting Schedules</u></p> <p>Special Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm</p> <p>Under shutdown conditions, meetings are being held using remote software (Zoom) that allows participation via phone or computer.</p>	<p>1/4/2021 1/27/2021</p>	<p><i>We are a safe, progressive community that cares for all our citizens and visitors while protecting our natural resources and maintaining our rural heritage."</i></p>
	<p>Public Meetings Law Sessions ORS192.640(2)</p>	<p>Executive ORS192.640</p>	